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SUMMIT TO EXPLORE PROTECTING WATER AND WATERSHEDS

County, Water Experts Look at San Diego's Water Needs

How does San Diego protect its water and watersheds? What are today's challenges and what are the solutions to meet future water needs for the region?

These are the key topics at the 2006 Clean Water Summit set for Friday, June 30 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego. Water experts, resource agencies, non-profit groups will join County Supervisors Greg Cox and Pam Slater-Price to focus on a new integrated water plan.

"The paramount importance of clean water in this region, in both our drinking supply and the streams and rivers that flow to our coastal waters, cannot be overstated," Cox said. "We need to have the best minds in the County of San Diego working together to find sustainable solutions. I am pleased that so many experts in water quality are attending this Clean Water Summit."

"This year's Summit is dedicated to the development of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan to guide our future and allow us to gain much needed funding for key water management projects in the San Diego region," said Slater-Price. "We are proud of how far we have come, but realize that we must continue to forge stronger cooperative efforts to ensure sustainability of our water and habitat resources."

Morning discussions will focus on funding for water-related projects in the future as well as priority issues related to water supply, water quality and watershed protection. The afternoon session will address key management issues. Members of regulatory, municipal, water resource and non-governmental agencies will participate.

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